

**US Bankruptcy Court  
Middle District of Florida**

**Style Guide  
For Electronic Case Filing**



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## Introduction

This guide contains the preferred style practices for all users of the CM/ECF application in the Middle District of Florida. Style consistency is the key to efficient searches in CM/ECF. Queries require very exact matches on search data including punctuation, abbreviations, and upper or lower case characters.

## Style Conventions for Names

These style conventions apply to all names entered in the CM/ECF application.

Use upper and lower case characters for all names and capitalize the first letter in a proper noun.

Wallace D Smith

United Services Fidelity and Guaranty

Use only the following punctuation;

Hyphens (-)

Apostrophes (')

Use single spacing between all names and following initials.

J J Jones

Smith Inc

C W Bradford Ltd

When typing names that have upper and lower case letters or hyphens enter the name as it appears on the document.

Patrick MacDougal

Kathleen O'Brien

Mary Smith-Baker

If a party has multiple names such as Robert Kramer Johns Martin, add the extra names in the Middle Name box.

Martin

Last name field:

Middle name field:

Kramer Johns

First name field:

Robert

Business names should be entered entirely in the Last Name box. Do not use the First Name or Middle

Name box when entering business names.

Do not use the ampersand sign (&) for "and" unless it is part of a company name on the petition or

pleading. Use single space on both sides of the ampersand sign (&).

B & D Company

Cameron & Associates

J & J Trucking

Enter U.S. and U.S.A. without any spaces or periods.

US Department of Agriculture

US Trustee  
US Attorney

## Adding Parties

### Debtors

Company names beginning with the words “*The, A, or An*” should be entered beginning with ‘The, A or An.’

Enter *The Cookie Company* as;

Last name field: The Cookie Company  
First Name Field: Leave blank  
Middle name field: Leave blank

Enter *A Toy Store Inc* as;

Last name field: A Toy Store Inc  
First name field: Leave Blank  
Middle name field: Leave Blank

### Title, Prefix and Suffix Tips

Titles and Prefixes such as;

- 1 Dr
- 2 Rev

Should be entered in first name field.

**Enter Rev Daniel Hoseman as;**

Last name field: Hoseman  
First name field: Rev Daniel

**Enter Dr David Smith as;**

Last name field: Smith  
First name field: Dr David

Suffixes such as;

MD                      DDS  
Sr                        Jr

Should be entered in last name field.

**Enter Roger Thomas DDS as:**

Last name field: Thomas DDS  
First name field: Roger

**Enter Daniel A Hasioka MD as:**

Last name field: Hasioka MD  
First name field: Daniel  
Middle name field: A

## Plaintiffs and Defendants

Do not add addresses in the Party Pick List screen for plaintiffs or defendants unless the plaintiff or defendant is pro se. If pro se, add the address in the Party Pick List screen

Do not add titles for plaintiffs and defendants.

## Parties

When docketing documents that requires a party to be selected from the Party Pick List; select party from pick list only if you find an exact name match. If an exact match is not found, select add/create new party to record.

## Style Conventions for Addresses

These style conventions apply to all debtor and creditor addresses entered in CM/ECF.

The party name and address **must** be a minimum of (2) lines with the second line containing the city, state and zip code.

The party name and address **must** not exceed five (5) lines.

When there is a street address as well as a mailing address for a debtor add only the mailing address.

When needed, use the second and/or third line of the address for building name, suite number, floor, firm name, or attention.

Cookie Factory Inc  
Attn Grover Smith  
First National Cookie Blvd  
123 Cookie Street  
Chicago IL 60604

The city, state, and zip code must be the only information on the last address line.

The preferred format for telephone numbers is (210) 261-3851.

## Foreign Address

Foreign addresses must have the full name of the post office and country of destination printed in capital letters.

The country name or APO destination must be the only information on the last address line.

Name field:	Alfonso Diaz	Name field:	Sgt John
Address 1:	Rio de Danubec y Rio Florido	Address 1:	C Company 237 Armor
Address 2:	CD JUAREZ CHIHUAHUA	Address 2:	Unit #21103 Box 512
Address 3:	MEXICO #1050	Address 3:	APO AE 09014

## Abbreviations

When using abbreviations, use the approved standard abbreviations.

### Standard

And	&	Drive	Dr	National	Natl
Account	Acct	Federal	Fed	Number	#
Association	Assoc	Finance	Fin	Secretary	Secy
Attention	Attn	In care of	ICO	Square	Sq
Attorney	Atty	Incorporate	Inc	System	Sys
Corporation	Corp	Intentional	Intl	Terrace	Terr
Company	Co	Limited	Ltd	Turnpike	Tpke
Department	Dept	Medical	Med	United States	US

### Street Designators

Apartment	Apt	Highway	Hwy
Avenue	Ave	Interstate Highway	IH
Basement	Bsmt	Lane	Ln
Boulevard	Blvd	Parkway	Pkwy
Center	Ctr	Place	P1
Circle	Cir	Post Office Box	POB
Court	Ct	Road	Rd
Drive	Dr	Room	Rm
Expressway	Expy	Square	Sq
Floor	Fl	Street	St
Freeway	Fwy	Suite	Ste

### Geographic Directions

North = N	Northeast = NE
South = S	Southwest = SW
East = E	Southeast = SE
West = W	Northwest = NW

**States and Territories**

AL	Alabama	MT	Montana
AK	Alaska	NE	Nebraska
AZ	Arizona	NV	Nevada
AR	Arkansas	NH	New Hampshire
AS	American Samoa	NJ	New Jersey
CA	California	NM	New Mexico
CO	Colorado	NY	New York
CT	Connecticut	NC	North Carolina
DE	Delaware	ND	North Dakota
DC	District of Columbia	CM	N. Mariana Isl.
FL	Florida	OH	Ohio
GA	Georgia	OK	Oklahoma
GU	Guam	OR	Oregon
HI	Hawaii	TT	Palau
ID	Idaho	PA	Pennsylvania
IL	Illinois	PR	Puerto Rico
IN	Indiana	RI	Rhode Island
IA	Iowa	SC	South Carolina
KS	Kansas	SD	South Dakota
KY	Kentucky	TN	Tennessee
LA	Louisiana	TX	Texas
ME	Maine	UT	Utah
TT	Marshall Island	VT	Vermont
MD	Maryland	VA	Virginia
MA	Massachusetts	VI	Virgin Islands
MIX	Mexico	WA	Washington
MI	Michigan	WV	West Virginia
TT	Micronesia	WI	Wisconsin
MN	Minnesota	WY	Wyoming
MS	Mississippi		
MO	Missouri		